of those labourers out of the total labour class in the country who could be placed in the category of skilled labourers;

(b) if so, the percentage of skilled labourers assessed in the country at the beginning of the Tenth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) the likely percentage of skilled labourers by the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SISH RAM OLA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, as per the quinquennial survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation during 1999-2000, vocationally trained persons in the age-group 20-24 years was around 5.35% of the total labour force. Vocationally trained persons include only those who have received vocational training through formal institutional method.

(c) Estimates of skilled labour force in the Tenth Plan will be available only after the completion of the next quinquennial survey by National Sample Survey Organisation during 2004-05.

ILO Report on domestic child labour

442. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Labour Organisation has recently released a report on the World wide problem of children working as domestic labour;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken to recognize and regulate the domestic workers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SISH RAM OLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the ILO report, recommendations have been made for tackling the various problems of domestic child labour.

(c) Domestic workers are a part of the large unorganised sector. Government feels that a separate legislation to regulate domestic workers is not necessary at this stage.